

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 7 is found in claims 1 and 7 as previously presented. No new matter would be added to this application by entry of this amendment. No new issues would be raised before the examiner as applicants are merely pursuing limited subject matter strongly suggested by the examiner. Entry of applicants' amendment and full consideration thereof at this stage of prosecution is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4, 6-8 and 10-16 will remain active in this application.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The claimed invention is directed to a hologram recording material and a process for producing same.

The rejections of claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10, 12-14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Chandross et al. EP 938,027 in view of Loy et al. *Chem Mater*, Shustack et al. U.S. '566 and Hiruma et al. U.S. '831, of claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10 and 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in further view of Otaki et al. and of claims 1, 4, 6-8 and 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in further view of Poutasse et al. '782 or Zeldin et al. U.S. '172 are respectfully traversed.

Applicants wish to thank examiner Angebrannt for indicating that claims limited to the case where  $m=0$  in formula (2). Applicants have now amended claims 1 and 7 as suggested by the examiner. Since a hologram recording material where a compound of formula (2) is only substituted with alkoxy groups is not suggested by the cited combination of references, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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